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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Stephone B. Allen

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 September 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

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Applicant is advised that should claims 3-6 be found allowable, claims 9-12 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, the phrase "in particular" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Those claims not specifically addressed are indefinite due to their dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,847,389 to Mertins et al. (Mertins).

With respect to claim 1, Mertins discloses a device (Figures 3-9, 21 and 21) for supplying electrical energy to a sensor which is at a high electrical voltage comprising a light source 142 which is at a low electrical potential; a light receiver 148 in which a converter converting light energy into electrical energy is provided, which is electrically connected to the sensor and is at the high potential of the sensor; an optical waveguide 42 which connects the light source to the light receiver. The use of this device in a painting system is considered intended use is afforded no patentable weight.

With respect to claims 3 and 9, Mertins discloses (Figure 3) that the optical waveguide (4) is formed by a bundle of optical fibers.

With respect to claims 4 and 10, Mertins discloses that the light receiver has a housing in which is a transparent plate into which the ends of the fibers of the optical waveguide are fed, is arranged in the vicinity of a side wall, the housing is provided with a reflective layer.

With respect to claims 5 and 11, Mertins discloses wherein the transparent plate is plastic (col. 7, lines 41-62).

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0045512 A1 to Brent.

With respect to claim 1, Brent discloses a device for supplying electrical energy to a sensor which is at a high electrical voltage comprising a light source 9 which is at a low electrical potential; a light receiver 6 in which a converter converting light energy into electrical energy is provided, which is electrically connected to the sensor and is at

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the high potential of the sensor; an optical waveguide (Figure 4) which connects the light source to the light receiver. The use of this device in a painting system is considered intended use is afforded no patentable weight.

With respect to claim 2, Brent discloses that the converter is a solar cell (paragraph 0079).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6 and 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mertins et al. (Mertins).

Mertins is silent as to the material used in the reflective layer, however, it is well known that aluminum is a reflective material and the use of such as the reflective layer would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art since it is inexpensive and would be cost effective.

Allowable Subject Matter

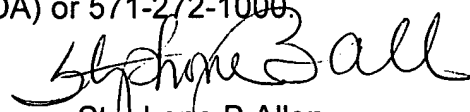
Claims 7, 8 and 14-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephone B. Allen whose telephone number is 571-272-2434. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 08:30-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on 571-272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephone B. Allen".

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Primary Examiner
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